

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes**

**Monday**  
**November 17, 2004**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center**  
**2700 N. Woodland**  
**Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 6:00 P.M. at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. Present were the District VI City Council Member, eight (8) District Advisory Board Members, two (2) DAB youth representatives, three (3) city staff, and (13) citizens. Approximately 27 individuals signed in.

**Members Present**

Paul Daemen  
Rosalie Bradley  
Marsha Carr  
Dick Rumsey  
Linda Matney  
Bickley Foster  
Bob Schreck  
Bob Wine - alternate  
Brittani Hernandez - youth  
Garrett Harmon - youth

**Member Absent**

Gil Gutierrez  
Sandra Whittington  
Jaya Escobar  
Maurine Willis

**Guests**

Listed at end

**Staff**

Listed at end

**Council Member Fearey** called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The October 4, 2004 minutes were approved with the following amendment: **Member Schreck** was noted as being present but was absent. (**Matney/Rumsey 7-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Schreck/Wine 7-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** No items were presented
2. **Off-agenda items:** No items were presented

**Staff Presentations**

3. **Parks & Recreation - Ralph Wultz Riverside Tennis Complex**

*Doug Kupper, Parks & Recreation Director* stated he had no new information on the tennis facility or the two (2) proposals to initiate an indoor tennis facility. *Kupper* said he hoped everyone had a chance to review all the information presented to him or her since the last DAB meeting.

**Member Rumsey** asked about page #1 of the Genesis proposal in comparison to the Friends of Riverside proposal. *Kupper* responded the Genesis document was not created by the City of Wichita.

**Member Escobar** arrived at 6:10 p.m.

*Bobbie Harris, Friends of Riverside* and *Rodney Stevens, Genesis* were present to answer any questions during the presentation.

The following are questions/comments presented from DAB members: *Responses in Italics - Bold is for statements from either Friend's of Riverside (F/R) or Genesis (G)*

- **F/R- Pledges for \$2.6 mil have been made but there is no actual check till this project has been approved. City Council said if you bring us this much money for the facility and project, the City will pay the utilities.**
- To F/R= your description of similar projects is listed as self-supporting, but here the City is also participating in this project.
- To F/R= you say your facility will be multi functional, will there be a fee for River Festival events and World Tennis tournaments - will you charge for rental of the facility?  
**F/R= there is no charge for non-profits and some events or programs, but money will have to be made.**
- **(G)-** You have noted \$167.00 is this for the pros giving lessons? *Yes*
- **F/R We have a percentage we will pay to our tennis pros and they can teach 45 weeks a year.**
- **(G)- We will not have a bonus system for our pros.**

**Member Schreck** said he favors's Genesis proposal as he has worked with non-profit agencies before and they don't follow through. Genesis proposal is clear. I want the place to succeed and I favor Genesis.

**Member Rumsey** asked if under both provisions the City would obtain the property? *Yes, there will be no encumbrance-\$2 million provided by both agencies and they will lease from the City. Will the City review the designs? Yes.*

*Mr. Kupper* continued stating many phases of this project will be reviewed. The design concept will go to the Design Council, the council reviews all buildings used for public land. This project will also be taken to the Riverside Citizens Association.

**Member Carr** asked if both agencies don't follow through with the project, would the building be the City's? *Yes.*

**Council Member Fearey** said City Council and the Park Board should meet with WSU to establish a scientific survey of citizens and what they think are the appropriate uses for parklands. This would show how parkland should be governed. This should fit in with what the Visioneering group is trying to do.

**Carr** asked how long before doing a survey and would you make both groups do another RFP? *Yes for the RFP, Mr. Kupper said the City wants to do what is best in the interest of the citizens of Wichita.*

**Member Daemen** asked when was the sunset for the proposals? *October 15<sup>th</sup>. City Council allowed another 60 days to bring this proposal to DAB's. Daemen* continued if you are going to study both agencies shouldn't that be done before asking for an RFP. *The city has to make sure all projects are out in the open.*

**Member Bradley** said the comment from her neighborhood association was, is there really a need for an indoor tennis facility? Does this facility need to be on parkland or private land? I feel it is better to go with a for-profit instead of non-profit agency. **Member Schreck** asked if the City owned land that this facility could go on other than parkland? *We would have to look for that, but there is Synergy to have an indoor tennis court with outdoor courts.*

**Member Bradley** continued is this to be used for City tournaments or other tournaments?

**Member Wine** responded parkland should not be used on a for-profit business, lets find out what the community wants for their parkland.

**Member Rumsey** stated the Genesis proposal was more complete and feels the Friends of Riverside should see the document and be able to respond to it.

**Member Matney** said Genesis put forth the best proposal that won't leave the City holding the bag. I would vote for Genesis.

\*\*\*\*\***Action Taken:** Reviewed and comments were noted

4. **21<sup>st</sup> Street Redevelopment Plan**

*John Schlegel Planning Department Director* presented on the proposed 21<sup>st</sup> Street plan for DAB members to review before finalization. Materials were sent to DAB members to review prior to this meeting. The finalized plan will be presented at the December 6th DAB meeting. *Schlegel* followed with to have an effective implantation of the plan; five (5) key principals need to be established. They are the following: 1) broaden the community, 2) establish toolbox, 3) set priorities to get things done, 4) assign responsibility for everyone who has an interest in the redevelopment. Many people are already contributing and 5) achieve success by celebration and communication. The phases of the plan need to be: a) creating an organizational network, b) change the image of the area immediately, c) build off the ethnic culture, d) begin an environmental clean-up once the refinery is torn down, e) the Heartspring campus, how will it be used, f) design work on transportation facilities and g) a CDC for West 21<sup>st</sup> business plan development.

**Council Member Fearey** asked *Schlegel* to change the CDC listed in the plan to read as a 21<sup>st</sup> Street CDC and not a Hispanic Chamber of Commerce CDC. **Fearey** continued by asking DAB members to take home their packets, read them and be ready for public comment at the next meeting.

\*\*\*\*\***Action Taken:** Receive and File

**BOARD AGENDA**

5. **Grants Review Committee**

Discussion took place on the role the DAB member would take as part of this committee.

**Member Escobar** has served on this board for three years and asked if she could remain as the DAB VI representative.

\*\*\*\*\***Action Taken:** Motion was made to submit Jaya Escobar's name to represent DAB VI to the Grants Review Committee (**Daemen/Matney 8-0**)

6. **Senior Dance on DAB night**

Discussion took place on the request for the senior dance to return to Evergreen on the same Monday night of the DAB meeting. **Council Member Fearey** asked if anyone had any suggestions. It was stated the Evergreen Rec. Center already has classes booked for other nights of the week and there would be conflict for the DAB to change their meeting night.

The seniors meet every Monday night for their dance including the evening of the DAB meeting. After discussion, the decision was for the seniors to continue to meet at Minis Park Building on DAB night and we suggest for other seniors to assist in taking refreshment supplies to Minisa and not leave this duty to just one person. We ask the neighborhood assistant to send a letter to Barb Osburn of the senior dance and let her know the outcome of the DAB VI decision.

\*\*\*\*\***Action Taken:** A letter is to be sent to the President of senior club and notify them of the DAB response. DAB VI will continue to meet on the First Monday of the month.

7. **Problem Properties**

Notify neighborhood assistant of any problems.

8. **Neighborhood Reports**

**Historic Midtown Citizens Association** is hosting their annual board meeting on Monday, November 22, 2004 at noon. **Council Member Fearey** offered five (5) tickets for anyone who would like to attend.

**Benjamin Hills:** We have had calls about residents of the area violating our original restrictive covenants and the neighborhood association should do something about this.

**Member Rumsey** said if the residents were complying with City regulations, Benjamin Hills NA would not do anything to invade into other resident's business.

\*\*\*\*\***Action Taken:** Receive and file

**Updates from the Council Member**

- 35<sup>th</sup> and Armstrong sewer project: The homeowners asked to have the project area redesigned along with new financial cost figures. Public Works department will present on this at the December 6th DAB meeting.
- Brief discussion on John McKay's project at 33<sup>rd</sup> & Arkansas Streets. When will the project begin?

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Guests**

Roger Farrow	Wichita, 67206
Bob Aldrich	1013 Compton, 67212 Orchard Park
James McIntosh	3619 N. Armstrong
Keith & Linda Ronco	814 Carter, Riverside
Franklin C. Berquist	5455 E. Central, North Wichita
Rick Nutt	1610 W. 13th, 67203-Riverside
Joe Perez	245 N. Broadview
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield, Riverside
Jessi Viurquez	202 E. 21st Street, 21st Street Business-La Favorita
Carlos Contreras	2218 N. Wellington, El Pueblo
Rodney Stevens	Genesis
Bobbie Harris	Friends of Riverside

**Staff**

John Schlegel	Planning
Doug Kupper	Park and Rec.
Terri Dozal	Neighborhood Assistant

Respectfully Submitted

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant